(d) The commencement of MoU is from 9th July, 2003, the date of signing agreement and is valid for a period of 12 months.

Website hacking

1945. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKATRAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Kerala based computer hacker is colluding with Pakistani hackers and is bent upon destroying Indian servers and websites;

(b) whether Government have traced the hacker; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to check the hackers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) The Government has no information in this regard.

(c) Appropriate institutional arrangements have been made to respond to computer security incidents and assist the organisations in the country in securing their computer systems and networks.

ILD telephony grey market

1946. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Regulatory Authority of India had set up a Committee to tackle the International Long Distance telephony grey market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof and what action Government had taken thereon; and

(d) if not, by when its report is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has constituted a Committee to study the issues arising out of traffic by-pass through grey market in International Long Distance Services and its repercussions on Inter-Connection Usage charges. The Committee comprises of the representatives of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, International Long Distance Operators and Department of Telecommunications.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The report is likely to be submitted in a month.

Dead telephone cable in Idgah Exchange

1947. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a telephone cable having the pairs 19/5/20/1 and 20/2 under the Idgah Exchange, is dead for the last one month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the DET/SDO/JE was informed about it;

(c) the action taken by Government against the officials not taking interest in this regard; and

(d) whether the telephone rent from the affected subscribers would be waived off, due to the negligence of the irresponsible officials involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The underground cable pertaining to MDF, vertical Nos. 19/5, 20/1 and 20/2 was faulty from 13.7.2003 to 16.7.2003. On this cable of 400 pairs, 200 Nos. were working and 104 subscribers were affected.